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SUBJECT: AMB. YOUNG'S COMMENT ON HAITI

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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT OF AMB. YOUNG'S
INTERVIEW ON MEET THE PRESS, JANUARY 2, 1977, DEALING
WITH HAITI: END SUMMARY.

2. "QUESTION: MR. YOUNG, SPEAKING OF AFRICA AND OF
NATIONS OF WHOSE POLICIES WE MAY DISAPPROVE, LET US TURN
FOR A MOMENT TO UGANDA. THE PRESIDENT, IDI AMIN DADA,
SOME YEARS AGO, FORCED THOUSANDS OF INDIANS TO LEAVE
THAT COUNTRY AND IN THE PROCESS HUNDREDS OF THEM LOST
THEIR LIVES. ONE OF YOUR PREDECESSORS AT THE U.N.,
AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN, CALLED AMIN DADA A RACIST MURDERER.
WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ABOUT IDI AMIN?

"AMBASSADOR YOUNG: WELL, MY VIEWS ARE I SHOULD NOT
EXPRESS ANY OPINIONS ABOUT NATIONAL LEADERS. THE
TRAGEDY OF MY PREDECESSOR'S COMMENTS WERE THAT HE
DIDN'T STOP THERE. HE WENT ON TO TALK ABOUT THE
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ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND BY SO DOING
DEMEANED AN ENTIRE CONTINENT'S LEADERSHIP WHICH CER-
TAINLY DOESN'T FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF BEING RACIST
MURDERERS. I THINK THE LESS I SAY ABOUT INDIVIDUALS
AND PERSONALITIES, THE MORE EFFECTIVE I WILL BE, OR
TRY TO BE, AS A DIPLOMAT. I CERTAINLY DON'T APPROVE
OF ANY OF THE PRACTICES OF IDI AMIN. I WOULD CERTAINLY

DO WHATEVER I COULD IN COUNTRIES IN AFRICA OR IN THE
CARIBBEAN -- HAITI, FOR INSTANCE, OR IN CHILE -- TO
DO WHATEVER I COULD TO WORK FOR DEMOCRACY AND THE
ELEVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. NOW, THAT IS A DIFFICULT
AND TOUCHY SUBJECT THOUGH AND I DON'T THINK IT IS
ADVANCED BY CASTIGATING THE PERSONALITIES OF THE
LEADERSHIP INVOLVED."
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